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Jayasundara banned for seven years under ICC Anti-Corruption Code

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Sanath Jayasundara, a former performance analyst at Sri Lanka Cricket, has been banned from all cricket for seven years after the ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal found him guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code. The ban is backdated to 11 May 2019, when he was provisionally suspended, an ICC press release said on Monday.



Following a full hearing and presentation of written and oral argument, the Tribunal found Jayasundara guilty of:

1. Article 2.1.3 – offering a bribe or other Reward to the Sri Lankan Sports Minister to contrive in any way or otherwise influence improperly the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of an International Match

2. Article 2.4.7 – obstructing or delaying an ACU investigation into possible corrupt conduct under the ICC Anti-Corruption Code Alex Marshall, ICC General Manager – Integrity Unit, said: Jayasundara's attempt to bribe a Minister is a grave transgression while the efforts to cover up his tracks and the lack of remorse are hugely disappointing.

"We won't tolerate corrupt conduct in our sport and my team will be relentless in preventing such behaviour. This ban should serve as a deterrent for anyone who may be tempted along the wrong path."

Anti-dengue activities inspected

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An anti-dengue drive initiated by the district administration was in full swing under which surveillance was being carried out at various points in the provincial capital.

Deputy Commissioner Lahore Mud-dasir Riaz Malik on Monday visited Samanabad area, where he checked staff working in streets for indoor surveillance. He observed the attendance and performance of the anti dengue squad deputed on field duty in the area. The DC issued warning to the house owner over presence of dengue larva in their premises. For making better arrangements to prevent dengue, it was necessary for the public to cooperate with the administration and field staff, he said and added that citizens should keep their houses clean and leave no place wet or with stagnant water. He directed the teams to gear up pace of anti-dengue spray process. All the departments were working in a coordinated manner to make the anti-dengue campaign a success.

Meanwhile, Assistant Commissioner City Faizan Ahmed inspected anti-dengue arrangements at UC-80 and directed the dengue staff to gear up anti dengue measures in the area. He also issued warnings to two house owners over presence of dengue larva and instructed them to maintain proper clean-

No power on earth including US can defeat Taliban: Governor

Ch Sarwar says dialogue is only solution to this problem; says by end of this year, more than 100m people will get clean water in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that Pakistan is in the favor of the government in Afghanistan according to the will of Afghani people. No power in the world including United States can defeat the Afghan Taliban. Dialogue is the only solution to this problem. Pakistan is the biggest beneficiary of peace in Afghanistan.

Anti state forces including India are unable to digest peace in Pakistan. Elections in Azad Kashmir will be completely transparent. The Punjab Aab Pak Authority is doing its job successfully. By the end of this year, more than 100 million people will get clean water in Punjab.

Punjab Governor during his visit to Gujranwala on Monday laid the foundation stone of 106 projects of Punjab Aab Pak Authority at circuit house. He inaugurated filtration plants of welfare organization Muslim Hand in Kashmir Colony and met the ticket holders and workers of PTI. On this occasion



Chairman Punjab Aab Pak Authority Dr Shakeel Ahmad, Mian Tariq Rana Bilal Ejaz, Ali Ashraf Mughal, Aamir Rehman Sheikh, SA Hameed district president of PTI Rana Sajid Ali Khan, Arshad Mahmood Bhatti, district President of Women's Wing

Rubina Amjad and others were also present.

Addressing the ground breaking ceremony of Punjab Aab Pak Authority projects, Governor Punjab said that the work on Punjab Aab Pak Authority projects is in full swing and the work on projects worth over Rs 5 bil-

lion has started so far. The promise to provide clean drinking water to the people of all the districts of Gujranwala should also be fulfilled for which the bureaucracy of Punjab stands united with The Punjab Aab Pak Authority. Responding to media questions, Governor Punjab said that Pakistan has always played its role for peace in Afghanistan and still has a clear policy that Pakistan will not be a part of US war but peace building.

The United States is withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan but it must play its role in establishing peace there. Answering a question Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the decision of the government led by Prime Minister Imran Khan not to give bases to USA is in the line with national interest and people's aspirations, adding that the world is admiring Pakistan's sacrifices against terrorism. Governor Punjab said that the projects launched by the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, including Ehasas Program for the development and welfare of the people, have no precedent in the past.



LAHORE: A vendor arranges and displays clay-made pots at his roadside set-up. —Online

Okara Varsity VC promises all facilities to students with disabilities

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: University of Okara (UO) Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Zakar has promised providing the best possible educational facilities to physically challenged students and help them get jobs after completing their education. He was addressing an orientation session, organised for the encouragement of persons with disabilities at the university on Monday. The session was organised under the supervision of Dr Nadeem and Dr Nadia Gilani while more than 80 students, who got enrolled in the university on disabled quota, attended the event and shared their views with the VC and the faculty. Dr Zakar urged his teachers to never discriminate against physically challenged persons. He said, "This is an inclusive university that is aimed at providing equal academic and infrastructural facilities to all students regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status and physical appearance." The VC also announced personally visiting all towns and villages in the 100 kilometre radius of the university with an objective to search and encourage the physically challenged students to seek their higher education free-of-cost.

Full court reference for outgoing LHC CJ held

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A full court reference was held on Monday at the Lahore High Court in the honour of outgoing LHC Chief Justice Muhammad Qasim Khan.

The reference was attended by LHC judges, senior lawyers, bar representatives, federal and provincial law officers. However, Chief Justice-designate Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti could not attend the reference for health reasons.

The outgoing CJ said that nobody was above the law and everyone was answerable to it. He said that provision of justice was a duty of judges and it was the need of the hour to enhance their capacity. "We continued online training of judges at the Punjab Judicial Academy despite the coronavirus pandemic," he added. He said that the district judiciary was the backbone of the judicial system and the district judiciary judges should make decisions in accordance with the law. Due to

better decisions of the district judiciary, burden on the higher judiciary was reduced, he added.

He said that the country was facing coronavirus pandemic, when he took office as the chief justice. "We continued delivering justice despite coronavirus pandemic, and more than 145,000 cases were decided by the LHC during my tenure," he said, adding that the district judiciary decided more than 2.786 million cases during the same period.

The chief justice said that the Punjab Judicial Academy and the district judiciary were modernised, besides numerous administrative and judicial measures to facilitate lawyers. Senior LHC Judge-designate, Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan, read out the reference, written by Chief Justice-designate Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, and said the outgoing chief justice took ideal steps for provision of justice during his tenure. The bar leaders and others paid tribute to the outgoing chief justice for his services to the

stitution at the reference. High Court Bar Association Multan President Syed Riaz-ul-Hassan Gilani, High Court Bar Association Rawalpindi President Sardar Abdul Raziq, Lahore High Court Bar Association President Maqsood Butter, High Court Bar Association Bahawalpur president, Vice Chairman Punjab Bar Council Amjad Iqbal Khan, Advocate General Punjab Ahmad Owais, Prosecutor General Punjab Rana Arif Kamal, Pakistan Bar Council Member Pir Masood Chishti and Additional Attorney General Malik Naveed Sohail read out the references in honor of LHC Chief Justice Muhammad Qasim Khan. Justice Khan was elevated to the LHC on Feb 19, 2010 and he took oath as the 50th chief justice on March 20, 2020. He retired on Monday after reaching superannuation on July 5.

Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti will take oath as the 51st chief justice on Tuesday in a ceremony, to be held at the Governor's House.

PDM doing puppet show with its failed narrative: Firdous

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Special Assistant to Chief Minister Punjab on Information Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan said that once again Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) was creating 'puppet show' with its failed narrative. In her tweet on Monday she said that rejected personalities of PDM were perturbed on the failure of their lacklustre politics. Dr Firdous said that efforts were being made to keep it (PDM) alive on media screens. SACM observed that the group of plunderers didn't learn anything from the humiliation which they faced under the leadership of Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman.

Ulema Board playing role for religious harmony in society, says Tahir Ashrafi

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Special Representative to the Prime Minister on Religious Harmony and Chairman Mutahidda Ulema Board Punjab (MUB) Maulana Tahir Ashrafi on Monday said that the law enforcement agencies deserved appreciation for arresting the perpetrators and facilitators of Johar Town blast by pitching in exemplary efforts.

Addressing a press conference here at Punjab Institute of Quran and Seerat Studies, he said that some extremist elements wanted to create unrest and instability in the country ahead of the month of Moharram, adding that FIR had been registered against those who were involved in disrespect of religious figures.

Maulana Tahir Ashrafi said that no case of religious extremism was reported for last seven months, adding that incidents related to "Islamophobia" were consistently being reported in European countries.

Efforts were being made to resolve the matters of minorities in the country, he maintained.

He said that Pakistan rendered great sacrifices in war against terrorism, and there was need to resolve all issues by dialogue as Pakistan did not want influx of refugees, adding that role of Pakistan would be of more importance after complete departure of US led forces from Afghanistan.

The world community appreciated the role of Prime Minister Imran Khan for peace in Afghanistan, he said, adding that

Premier presented the true picture of Islam to the international community.

"Those criticizing Prime Minister Imran Khan could not win even 10 seats in elections", he asserted.

The Special Representative said that fact based modern curriculum was being introduced in madaris, adding "the Mutahidda Ulema Board has no affiliation with any private publisher as the Board reviewed only the books referred by Punjab Text Book Board".

The critics should consider and investigate all the aspects before criticizing the Board, he maintained.

Mutahidda Ulema Board members Allama Hussain Akbar and Ziaullah Bukhari also spoke on the occasion.



LAHORE: Customs security officials hold Indians cosmetics items after recovering from smugglers.